

**State of Vermont  
Executive Department  
A Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, families, serving as the primary sources of love, identity, self-esteem and support, are the very foundations of our communities and our state; and

**WHEREAS**, in Vermont there are over 1,240 children and youth in traditional, kinship or specialized foster care who are being provided safe, secure and stable homes, along with the compassion and nurturing of foster and kinship foster families; and

**WHEREAS**, there are over 1,060 dedicated licensed foster and kinship foster families in Vermont who often adopt foster children; and

**WHEREAS**, there are numerous individuals, as well as public and private organizations, who work to increase public awareness of the needs of children who are currently in or leaving foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor the enduring and valuable contributions of foster, kinship foster and adoptive parents and so many others who make the foster care system the supportive network that it is;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Peter Shumlin, Governor, do hereby proclaim May, 2015 as



**FOSTER CARE MONTH**

in Vermont.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State of  
Vermont on this 7th day of May, A.D. 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Shumlin", followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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Peter Shumlin  
Governor